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**Subject:** RE: ITC Deer Park Inquiry — Public Health Watch

Ok thank you. Melissa is listed as the OECA press contact. It looks like Janie Acevedo or Jenna Durant are the R6 press contacts. <https://www.epa.gov/newsroom/media-contacts>

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**From:** Hamre, Martha <Hamre.Martha@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** RE: ITC Deer Park Inquiry — Public Health Watch

Matt –

Yes – you should definitely refer them to public affairs. There are various offices. I have sent a message to James Leathers asking who their PA contact would be also.

For other case inquiries we have referred reporter inquiries to:

EPA Office of Public Affairs (OPA) at [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov).  
[Hull.george@epa.gov](mailto:Hull.george@epa.gov) is the OECA public affairs contact.

I am not sure who the Region 6 public affairs contact would be – is that Melissa Sullivan?

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Linda and Martha, I received this inquiry from a journalist about an inspection we did at a facility (ITC) that later had a fire. I would like to send him to EPA's public affairs liaison, but want to make sure that's the right thing to do. And, if I'm not wrong that person would be Melissa Sullivan? Thanks  
-Matt

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**From:** David Leffler <[dleffler@publichealthwatch.org](mailto:dleffler@publichealthwatch.org)>  
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**Subject:** ITC Deer Park Inquiry — Public Health Watch

Good afternoon Mr. Schneider,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is David Leffler and I'm a reporter with Public Health Watch — a nonprofit, nonpartisan news organization focused on threats to America's well-being.

I'm reaching out because I'm currently working on a story looking back at the 2019 fire at the Intercontinental Terminal Company's facility in Deer Park, Texas. Specifically, I'm hoping to better understand the facility's culture and history, including past violations and similar aspects of EPA and TCEQ oversight. I came across your 2016 inspection of the facility (which has been very helpful) and am interested in learning more about your experience there.

I'm not sure in what capacity you can speak with me about this matter, but if at all possible, I'd love to tell you more about this project and how your past inspection ties in. Even if it's just on background, I'd appreciate any input and insight you can provide.

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration here, Mr. Schneider. Feel free to let me know if you have any questions or concerns that I can help address.

Best regards,  
David Leffler  
512-947-6436

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Reporter

